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1. BRIEFLY, JUNE 20-21, TALKATIVE MARIANA CALLEJAS
APPEARED TO BE TAXING THE GOC'S PATIENCE WITH HER STATE-
MENTS TO THE NEWS MEDIA. THE SANTIAGO PRESS QUOTED AN
"AUTHORIZED" GOC SOURCE JUNE 20 AS SAYING THAT THE GOVERN-
MENT WAS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING A LAW-
SUIT AGAINST CALLEJAS FOR STATEMENT "HIGHLY INJURIOUS"
TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET REPORTEDLY MADE TO BBC CORRES-
PONDENTS IN AN INTERVIEW LAST MONTH IN SANTIAGO. A
LATIN-REUTERS WIRESTORY DATED JUNE 20 FROM LONDON --
PICKED UP BY THE PRESS HERE -- HAD THE CORRESPONDENTS
ASKING HER IF IT WERE POSSIBLE THAT PINOCHET ORDERED
THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION, TO WHICH SHE REPORTEDLY
ANSWERED: "NATURALLY. THAT IS VERY POSSIBLE... I
CANNOT BELIEVE THAT (DINA HEAD MANUEL CONTRERAS) ACTED
WITHOUT CONSULTING SOMEONE, AND I KNOW OF NO ONE ELSE
HE COULD HAVE CONSULTED." CALLEJAS NOW LAMELY PROTESTS THA
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HER WORDS WERE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT. THAT SHE HAD NOT MEN-
TIONED PINOCHET(S NAME IN THE BBC INTERVIEW AND THAT THIS
APPEARS TO BE A CALUMNY AGAINST HER. SHE WARNED THE
GOC TO CAREFULLY WEIGH TAKING ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST
HER, "TO AVOID LOOKING FOOLISH." TALK OF A POSSIBLE
LAWSUIT HAS STOPPED.

2. IN A PARTLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE GOC'S OFFICE OF NATIONAL SOCIAL COMMUNICATION (DINACOS) ISSUED A STATEMENT JUNE 22 CHIDING THE MEDIA FOR ABUSING ITS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. THE STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT OF LATE THERE WAS A TENDENCY ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE MEDIA TO UNDERMINE "THE SPIRIT OF CONCILATION REIGNING IN CHILE" BY REPORTING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "POLITICAL SENSATIONALISM AND CLANDESTINE INTERVIEWS," -- THE LATTER A REFERENCE TO "ERCILLA'S" RECENT ARTICLE ON THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY. DINACOS ALMOST CERTAINLY ALSO HAD IN MIND SOME OF THE LETELIER CASE COVERAGE. THE STATEMENT WARNED THAT THE GOC WILL NOT TOLERATE ACTIONS BY THE MEDIA "WHICH DISTURB THE RIGHT OF CHILEANS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY."

3. THIS WEEK'S "ERCILLA" REVIEWS THE GRAND JURY PROCEDURE AND THE COLLABORATION OF TOWNLEY IN THE INVESTIGATION. "LA SEGUNDA" JUNE 21 PRINTS A BRIEF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH TOWNLEY IN WHICH THE LATTER INFORMS THE DAILY THAT THE LETTERS ROGATORY QUESTIONS FROM THIRD CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE CARMEN CANALES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT HE WILL BE ANSWERING THEM SOON.

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